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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:69
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PROCEDURE FOR SPECTRUM ALLOCATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has forwarded any report to the Union Government in regard to the recommendations made by the Department of Telecom in spectrum allocation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(c) the details of the procedure adopted in dealing with requests for spectrum allocation and the competent authority to deal with such requests?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 69 FOR 3RD MARCH, 2008 REGARDING `PROCEDURE FOR SPECTRUM ALLOCATION`.

(a) to (c) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its report of 28.08.2007 on `Review of license terms and conditions and capping of number of access providers`, had also included recommendations regarding spectrum allocation. The Authority has recommended among others, a revised subscriber based criteria to make more efficient use of spectrum taking into account technological features etc.Accordingly, the spectrum allocation criteria for public mobile telecom services have been revised.

As per the relevant provisions of Unified Access Services license agreement,and eligibility criteria, the spectrum is allotted to the service providers, on first cum first served basis subject to availability of spectrum which is assessed from time to time.The Wireless Planning & Coordination (WPC) Wing of Department of Telecommunications,Ministry of Communications &IT, is the national nodal agency for RF spectrum management, which includes allotment of spectrum, as per guidelines approved by the Government.